

DIARY NOTES

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7 February 1964

1. Jim Garrison reported that the contract for 600 destruction devices for the KW-26's was given to the [REDACTED] and that they promised to deliver 80 of the devices next Thursday, 13 February. I told Jim that if it would do any good I would be glad to call on the [REDACTED] tomorrow since I will be in St. Louis then.

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2. Jim Garrison reported that arrangements have been made to contract with [REDACTED], on behalf of DD/S&T. He also said that there had been a flap when Bud Wheelon was on the West Coast last week and told the [REDACTED] people to proceed with some work even though they did not have a contract. (I do not know whether Jim was exaggerating this case, but I insisted that he give me a full, written report on this situation since this is exactly the reason why the TSD flap happened in the first place, and I would like to avoid a similar incident with DD/S&T.)

3. [REDACTED] showed me a cable from our war planners at [REDACTED] which indicated that the United States commander going to [REDACTED] would be instructed to place a static guard on the [REDACTED] activity. I asked Howard to take the necessary action to ensure that these instructions were expanded to include the [REDACTED] radio relay station and the [REDACTED] station.

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4. [REDACTED] Chief of Station, [REDACTED] was in for a brief visit. He had no support problems. The station consists of five people--two operations officers, two communicators, and one administrative assistant. Housing [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] were in to discuss a proposal to construct a new communications school building at the [REDACTED] I told [REDACTED] that I was very pessimistic about being able to do this in Fiscal Year 1964 because of the President's

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economy program. I am convinced, however, that we should do it eventually, and I asked him to prepare a proposed project which would request approval in principle of the whole program when funds can be made available and approval now to go ahead with the architectural and engineering contract (about \$25,000) from Fiscal Year 1964 funds.

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6. I discussed with [REDACTED] again the further briefing I want on Communications research and development. I think that he and Harry [REDACTED] are at somewhat of a loss to know just what kind of presentation I expect. I told him that I was seeking something which I could understand and use to defend the Communications R&D budget without having to call for Harry or him to defend it. In other words, I am looking for something which a non-technical person can both understand and explain.

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7. We received information from [REDACTED] that 163 Agency dependents had been evacuated to [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] of DD/S&T brought me a letter from young [REDACTED] and requested that [REDACTED] be given summer employment in the Office of Research and Development. I told him that I was not optimistic that this could be done. In the first place, we may not have a summer employee program and, in the second place, if we should it would be difficult for a specific assignment to ORD to fall within the criteria.

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9. [REDACTED] telephoned to invite me to a one-hour briefing by Division D of the FI Staff at 10 a.m. next Thursday, 13 February, in Room 7B44. I accepted.

10. I telephoned John Feeney and agreed to accept election to the Board of Directors of Government Services, Inc., to fill the unexpired term of Conrad Wirth, which will expire in April 1965. I emphasized to Mr. Feeney that I was not at all sure that I could spare the time this job deserves and that I hoped he and the Board would understand if I should find it necessary to withdraw.

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11. [REDACTED] talked with me about the rotation of several senior Office of Communications personnel this summer. They need a replacement for [REDACTED] since he is scheduled to attend the National War College. [REDACTED] nominated [REDACTED] who he says wants very much to go. He proposed to leave [REDACTED] and to appoint [REDACTED] as Deputy

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Director of Communications. I was surprised to have [REDACTED] say that he would rate [REDACTED] and that he was a better technical man than [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that I was reluctant to see Bill [REDACTED] leave this position at this time and that I would like to talk with Bill about it early next week, after which time we could make a final decision.

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12. Jack Earman briefed me on the case of [REDACTED] a PM type in the Office of Special Activities. He has been very highly regarded by the senior people in OSA. He is separated from his wife and two children, and recently his wife has made a number of telephone calls to the Office of Security.

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Within the past 48 hours she alleged that [REDACTED] had embezzled some money. [REDACTED] was called in by the Inspector General today and admitted that he had diverted \$12,800 to his own use. According to the Inspector General, he owes the Credit Union \$4,000 and owes several thousand dollars to various banks and commercial firms. I told Jack that I thought [REDACTED] should be suspended immediately, and I instructed the Office of Personnel [REDACTED] to prepare the necessary papers to effect this at once upon receipt of a request which will presumably come from either the Deputy Director for Plans or the Inspector General later today. Larry Houston advised Jack that, notwithstanding the fact that these were not appropriated funds, [REDACTED] committed a Federal offense and is subject to prosecution. A determination based on security will have to be made as to whether prosecution actually takes place.

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